

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

### Giving Tuesday: THIS TUESDAY!!

Giving Tuesday: God reminds us often in his word that we are a people who have been blessed by Him in order to bless others. Giving Tuesday, November 29, is an opportunity that Trinity uses to help fund our mercy and mission budget which is used exclusively for work outside of Trinity itself. As you make plans for end-of-year giving, please remember to account for this vital ministry. Questions: zach@trinitypr.org

### Christmas Party:

Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Saturday, December 10th. There will be good food, live music, and fun had by all. Kids come ready to make crafts. Also bring a dessert to compete for first place The Christmas season in Puerto Rico is very special and we look forward to celebrating together!

### Christmas Eve Service:

Candlelight service on Saturday, December 24th at 5pm. We will be singing some of our a favorite Christmas hymns and carols, followed by a short homily and some hot chocolate and cookies.

## GIVING

*All that we have is a gift from God. Our tithes are a concrete expression of our faith in Christ. It nurtures our trust in Him, and our draws us deeper into His work of reconciliation.*

There are several ways to give at Trinity Church:

1. Place your tithes and offerings in the baskets at the rear of the church.
2. To give by credit card or ACH or to set up a recurring gift, visit [trinitypr.org/give](http://trinitypr.org/give).

*Trinity Church is a registered non-profit in Puerto Rico 1101.01(a)(1) and with the U.S. Government 501(c)(3).*

| Monthly Budget Goal          |                    | Tithes/Offerings Received |             |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Facilities                   | \$5,361.00         | August                    | \$42,887.05 |
| Personnel                    | \$23,900.00        | September                 | \$17,806.73 |
| Ministries                   | \$6,532.00         | October                   | \$42,395.15 |
|                              |                    | November                  | \$14,954.51 |
| <b>Total Operating Costs</b> | <b>\$35,793.00</b> |                           |             |

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Trinity Ministries

Sector La Hormiga, Neighborhood Groups, Children's Ministry, Women's Bible Study, Escuela Timothee, Saturday Men's Breakfast

### Partner Ministries and Churches

Iglesia La Travesía, South Florida Presbytery, Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Casa de Bendición, Cree Women's Care, Hunger Corp., Iglesia Comunion

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TRINITY CHURCH  
PUERTO RICO

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## WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Church! We exist so that every English speaker in the San Juan metro area may encounter Jesus Christ and live out their faith more deeply, that together we may be a blessing to Puerto Rico. We are so glad to have you be a part of this sacred adventure. This adventure begins in worship which brings us into right relationship with God and our neighbor, and the adventure continues into our weeks as we are made to be a mission-minded community of love and service.

Our worship service is designed to be more contemplative, and we hope you will grow through its beauty and depth. Depending on your background, we realize that the flow and order of this worship experience may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes and explanations in the margins that will help you participate to the fullest.

This thoughtful and connected rhythm in our service is often called a liturgy. We follow this rhythm because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship - not for a lecture, conference, or concert, not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scriptures thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond. For this reason, we have organized the service around certain gospel concepts that shape our worship: Calling, Cleansing, Constitution, Communion, and Commission.

Again, thank you for worshipping with us. May the beauty of Christ capture all of our deepest imaginations.

Walking alongside you,

Pastor Zach Lutz.

Having heard the Gospel in their ears, God's people now taste the Gospel upon their lips. Consecrated as the body and blood of Christ, the bread and wine, when received in faith, reinforce our participation in Christ's death, resurrection and return, as proclaimed in the mystery of faith.

## The Lord's Supper

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Guidelines for Receiving the Lord's Supper:

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*At the Table you will see both red wine and white grape juice. We invite you to partake as your conscience dictates. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers are available.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

**Prayer for the non-participant:** *God, I recognize that I do not rest exclusively in you as you offer yourself in your gospel. But please, encourage me to further explore the truths of Scripture. Give me a friend with whom I can express my doubts and get to know you more. Amen.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us therefore proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

**Let us celebrate our union with him.**

## Tithes and Offerings

*We do not pass an offering plate. If you are a guest, please feel no pressure to give financially. This act of worship is for those who call Trinity their church family and desire to give joyfully and generously to the work of God through His church. There is an offering box on a table at the back of the room and baskets in the outside aisles.*

## \*Worship in Song

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley | arr. and additional lyrics Fernando Ortega

## \*Benediction and Dismissal

Just as we begin with God's gracious invitation, so we end with God's promise to always be with us.

We ask the Spirit  
to open our eyes  
that we may see  
the wonders of his  
Word.

## Prayer of Illumination

The Spirit makes  
the reading and  
preaching of  
God's Word a  
powerful means  
of nourishing and  
comforting God's  
people, and  
awakening people  
to new faith.

## Preaching God's Word

**26** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**34** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

**35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. **36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For nothing will be impossible with God." **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## Luke 1:26-38

The call to  
worship  
establishes the  
lines of  
communication in  
worship. God  
always comes to  
us before we come  
to God. Biblical  
worship is a  
response to God's  
gracious  
revelation of  
himself to his  
people.

## \*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2:2-5)

In the days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say it,  
**"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
That he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."**  
O house of Jacob,  
**come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

## \*Worship in Song

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
C. Frederick Oakeley (1841), John Francis Wade

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Isaac Watts (1719), John C. Hatton, Keith Getty

## \*Prayer of Adoration

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Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.” Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. Each candle lit during these four Sunday before Christmas represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the light of Christ into the world

## Lighting the Advent Candle

*The first candle in the advent wreath represents hope and it is the PROPHECY CANDLE. We are reminded of the word spoken by the prophets as they foretold the birth of Christ hundreds of years before He came. There are over 60 prophecies, perfectly fulfilled by the advent of Christ. As we anticipate Christmas, let us reflect on the words of those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ.*

## Advent Scripture Reading

### Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The confession of sin invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

## Confession of Sin

Let us pray together:

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (from Isaiah 40:1-2a)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,

**\*Doxology**

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon sets us free to love and forgive one another.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.